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VOLUME OF TRAFFIC HANDLED BY PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the volume of traffic handled by the Indian ports is declining;

(b) if so, the details of volume of traffic handled by the each port in the country at present;

(c) whether the use of obsolete technology available at ports is hampering the productivity of the ports;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon;

(e) the likely traffic growth envisaged for the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for modernisation of ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The volume of the traffic handled by all the Major Ports has been steadily rising over the years. The details of the volume of the traffic handled by the major ports from 2005-06 to 2007-08 are as follows:

Name of the Port Traffic Handled in Million Tonnes

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Kolkata	53.14	55.05	57.28
Paradip	33.10	38.51	42.43
Visakhapatnam	55.80	56.38	64.59
Chennai	47.24	53.41	57.15
Jawaharlal Nehru	37.83	44.81	55.75
Mumbai	44.19	52.36	57.03
Tuticorin	17.13	18.00	21.48
Cochin	13.88	15.25	15.81
New Mangalore	34.45	32.04	36.01
Mormugao	31.68	34.24	35.12
Kandla	45.90	52.98	64.89
Ennore Port Limited	9.16	10.71	11.56
TOTAL	423.56	463.74	519.10

(c) & (d): No, Sir. The Major Ports are continuously modernizing the port infrastructure based on the requirements of Port users and no obsolete technology is being used.

(e): It is anticipated that the major ports will handle a traffic of 708.09 MT by the end of the 11th Five Year Plan.

(f): Modernization of Ports is a continuous process wherein various projects covering the entire spectrum of activities in the Port sector are taken up based on the requirement of each individual Port. The Department of Shipping has finalized a National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) for modernization of the Port sector for implementation by 2011-12. These projects cover the entire gamut of activities in the Port sector which include berth development, deepening of channel, procurement of equipment and port craft, rail/road connectivity and other associated work. Till date, 29 projects of the Port sector with a total cost of Rs. 3846 crore have been completed under NMDP.